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## FRUITLAND FOLKS.

They Have a Co-operative Store in Running Order - Lower Valley's Premier Prospect.

J. B. Ashcroft of Fruitland was in Aztec Tuesday, en route to Durango, and called at The Index office. He is one of the new comers to the county having resided at Fruitland something over a year, but he is foremost in promoting enterprises for the good of the community and the people therein. When the new co-operative store was started he was one of the organizers and backers and is now general manager. The people of the lower valley find that intelligent co-operation pays in buying and selling goods as it does in all other lines. The store will save thousands of dollars to its customers in the next few years.

Mr. Ashcroft sees an encouraging growth in the population and wealth of the lower San Juan valley. Immigrants have been constantly coming in and since his arrival a year or two ago he says he can notice an increase of about one-half in the population and a relative increase in the number and extent of improvements in that section. The heavy freight bills have always been a burden to the people, but now that the co-operative general store is in operation they are discounting this drawback very largely. Given a couple of good fruit crops and they will have money to burn.

The valley of the San Juan from Olio to the hogback is coming to the front with rapid strides and it is men who like Mr. Ashcroft have energy and ability at command, who are "pushing it along."

## LA PLATA.

Everybody is busy cleaning ditches. Roberts and Berry started Monday with five hundred fine young steers to their summer range near Pagosa.

Misses Belle and Nettie Nichols are spending the week with their parents on the ranch, during the vacation in the schools at Durango.

Tommy Cain is recovering rapidly from his injuries.

Samuel Nichols met with a serious loss the other day, accidentally setting fire to one hundred tons of hay while burning off his ditch. The hay was all destroyed.

Frank Williams has bought the celebrated imported Clydesdale stallion from Juan White of the Maestas, which he will stand at his ranch the coming season. It is a good horse.

Last Saturday a gang of would-be toughs composed of rascals and La Platanos after filling up on "cheap dip" set down the road, in the hills, where they waited for a short time, then proceeded down the valley shooting and yelling like wild Comanches. The chances are that Sheriff Jodan will have to make an official trip to Santa Fe after coast sets.

On the evening of the 17th another gang composed principally of La Platanos after holding about 21 fingers of the Maestas, which he will stand at his ranch the coming season. It is a good horse.

The people of the west are beginning to realize that they have, at various times, through Congress been used as a cat's paw to further the sectional interest of East, and at the same time have been denied an equal or just division of public money to develop their own region. Western representatives in Congress have always waged an uphill fight to get recognition for their vast territory, and it was more than ever apparent in the closing days of the Congress just adjourned, when the item in the River and Harbor Bill providing for the construction of Western reservoirs, agreed to by the Senate after a gallant fight by the Western Senators, was finally killed in conference by the action of the members of the House of Representatives.

Western men are beginning to see clearly that irrigation will not win its own battle against Eastern opposition, and that the only hope of their securing just recognition is by united action. They did unite in the session just closed, and they almost won the day. Such action needs only to be continued to be successful. Western men are organizing, even now, to carry the war into Africa during the coming Congress, and they propose to not only demand but to secure a just proportion of Government money for the development of their section of the Union.

Arid land irrigation has, however, won friends in the East, and it was only through the most bitter and determined opposition on the part of its enemies that its interests were defeated in 1890.

We have discovered a sure panacea for all the ills the flesh is heir to. Use "Bismarck" or "Fruit of America" Balm made by the Durango Milling & Elevator Co., and you will find your digestion improved; it brightens the eye, sweetens the breath, cures "that tired feeling" and prevents the pants from sagging at the knees.

Highest cash prices paid for wheat or corn at the Aztec mill.

## FROM MANILA TO MALOLOS.

The Filipino Insurgents Driven in Headlong Flight From Their Capital Northward - The Beginning of the End.

Last Friday the American army at Manila began the forward march against the insurgents, the movement continuing all week and resulting in the capture of Malolos, seat of the Philippine "republic." The American losses are estimated at about 200, killed and wounded. These dispatches are from Associated Press sources and are self-explanatory.

Manila, March 31, noon - Major General MacArthur entered Malolos, seat of the so-called insurgent government, at 9:30 this morning, the rebels burning the city and simultaneously evacuating it. They are now in full retreat toward the north, where Aguinaldo and his cabinet have been for two days.

Manila, March 31, 7:35 p. m. - The United States troops rested last night in jungle about a mile and a quarter from Malolos. The day's advance began at 2 o'clock and covered a distance of about two and a half miles beyond the Guiguinto river, along the railroad.

The hunt of the battle was on the right of the track where the enemy was apparently concentrated. The First Nebraska, First South Dakota and Tenth Pennsylvania regiments encountered them intrenched on the border of

the woods and the Americans advancing across the open suffered a terrific fire for half an hour. Four men of the Nebraska regiment were killed, thirty wounded. Ten men of the Dakota regiment were wounded and one of the Pennsylvania was killed.

The following from General Otis was received at Washington Tuesday:

Manila, March 29 - Adjutant General Washington: Severe fighting yesterday afternoon beyond Malolos. Brilliant charge by South Dakota, led by Frost against the famed troops of Aguinaldo, brought from Malolos. Repulsed enemy with slaughter. Adjutant Lian and Lieutenant Adams and Morrison and four enlisted men of the regiment killed. Lieutenant McClelland and twenty-two enlisted men wounded. Loss yesterday mostly confined to this regiment.

Partial destruction of railroads, which are being rapidly repaired, impedes MacArthur's progress. Supply railway routes have now reached Malolos, and MacArthur is pushing on. Our small gunboats are in Balisan river, where great execution was done yesterday. They will relieve the pressure on MacArthur's front materially. Troops in excellent condition and spirits. Proclamation signed by Luna, general in chief of the insurgent forces, directed that all towns abandoned be burned. In consequence thereof much country north is in flames.

Orin,

## NEW ENACTMENTS.

(Following is the list of House Bills, which have laws at the recent session of the legislature. The Council Bills were printed last week.)

Substitute for H. B. No. 11, An act in reference to officers for territorial offices.

22. An act to keep public funds within the confines of the territory of New Mexico.

Substitute for H. B. No. 29, An act to protect personal property from loss by abandonment.

Substitute for H. B. No. 21, An act to provide for the construction of public bridges.

74. An act to create the county of McKinley and for the government thereof.

39. An act to complete and furnish the New Mexico Normal School at Silver City.

27. An act to amend sections 5, 8, 13 and 14 of the Compiled Laws of 1897, and for other purposes, approved March 18, 1897, being chapter 60 of the Session Laws of 1897.

House substitute for amended C. B. No. 1, An act to amend the laws relating to the collection of taxes in the territory of New Mexico.

60. An act requiring the insurance against loss by fire of the public buildings of the territory, and the various counties thereof.

25. An act to amend entitled, An act to create the county of Otero and provide for the government thereof and to reject the boundaries of Chaves county, and for other purposes.

Substitute for C. B. No. 83, An act to repeal section 3409 and to amend section 2430 of the Compiled Laws of 1897, regarding the stay of execution.

House substitute for C. B. No. 115, An act to promote the administration of justice.

121. An act to facilitate business in the district courts of New Mexico and to provide for the payment of judgments in the trial of civil causes in said courts.

91. An act to enable heirs of deceased persons to ascertain whether or not the deceased had any money on deposit in bank, and to promote the settling of the territory of unclaimed estates.

Substitute for H. B. No. 8, An act for the preservation of public health and for other purposes.

31. An act to amend sections 2227 and 2208 of the Compiled Laws of 1897, relating to certain titles to real estate.

123. An act in relation to acquisition of title in the territory of New Mexico.

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## FOOLISH FILIPINOS.

Reynolds' Army Mistook the American Spirit of Friendliness For Fear.

A letter from Major Wm. R. Grove, of the First Colorado volunteers, describing the events around Manila following the outbreak of hostilities between our troops and the insurgents, in which the Colorados participated, has been received at this office. Regarding the cause of the war, he believes they were due to the forces shown the Filipinos by the Americans. The letter is of date of February 10, and is in part as follows:

"Our troops have been forced to submit to insults from these insurgent troops for months, and have not been allowed to retaliate. This has served to inspire the rebels with confidence and they have mistaken our leniency for cowardice."

"The trouble last Saturday was the final outbreak and it was bound to come. The insurgents have endeavored for thirty days to force a rupture and how bitterly they repel their insulting language can best be inferred from the number of corpses strewn over every portion of the city. Manila from the north to the south. The American authorities and soldiers had treated them with every possible consideration and they repaid us with an attack if the middle of the night. I presume they thought the Americans would simply lay down and permit them to march in, but they were mistaken. Our troops waited as quietly as possible until day light, and then rushed into them, and by ten o'clock they had taken every position in the front line from the Filipinos and in some cases had pursued them over the country until recalled."

Orin,

Salaries of County Officers.

The new law regarding the salaries of probate judges, assessors, school superintendents and county commissioners, enacted by the 33rd legislative assembly and approved by Governor Otero on March 1, reads as follows:

Section 2 - That section 1 of chapter LX of the Session Laws of 1897, be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows: The probate judges of the several counties of the territory shall receive the following compensation: In counties of the first class, \$600 per annum; in counties of the second class, \$500 per annum; in counties of the third class, \$400 per annum; in counties of the fourth class, \$300 per annum.

Section 3 - That section 8 of chapter LX Session Laws of 1897, be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows: The county assessors of the several counties shall receive the following compensation: In counties of the first class, \$500 per annum; in counties of the second class, \$400 per annum; in counties of the third class, \$300 per annum; in counties of the fourth class, \$200 per annum.

Section 4 - That section 13 of chapter LX Session Laws of 1897, be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows: The county school superintendents of the several counties of this territory shall receive the following compensation: In counties of the first class, \$1,500 per annum each; in counties of the second class, \$1,000 per annum each; in counties of the third class, \$800 per annum each; in counties of the fourth class, \$600 per annum each.

Section 5 - This act shall take effect from and after its passage, and all laws in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

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